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Issued: Feb. 21, 2006  
Patentee(s): Franklin ZhiGang Zhang  
5 Appn. Number: 09/991,508  
Appn. Filed: 11/16/2001

### **Petition under 37 CFR 1.377**

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